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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
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[redacted] it is now most unlikely that Argentina will send troops to join the Inter-American Peace Force (IAPF) in the Dominican Republic.

The issue of whether or not to send troops had created a serious political crisis in Argentina. Until recently, the Argentine military had pressed the government for authorization to furnish an Argentine contingent for the Dominican crisis. The President, however, was also under pressure from labor and student groups, and all but the conservative parties not to intervene in the Dominican rebellion. The government party was badly split over the issue and several high ranking members of the government submitted their resignations. President Illia chose to vacillate.

Although the appointment of a Brazilian general as commander of the IAPF and the decreased emphasis on Communist danger in the Dominican Republic served to cut ground away from the major arguments for sending troops the issue has left resentment between the government and the armed forces. Military leaders, who have now turned their attention toward participation in a permanent Organization of American States force to be used in the future, have become increasingly convinced that the present government in Argentina cannot solve the country's problems.

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